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CLEAN VERSION OF PENDING CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 17, 18, and 38 with their amended versions below.

- (Three times amended) A surface cover comprising:
 two or more leaves having a length and a width arranged to form a stack
 of said leaves, the stack of said leaves being sized to conformally cover an entire exposed surface, the
 stack of said leaves comprising:
 - (a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
 - (i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
 - (ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
 - (iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of a successive, adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the upper non-adhesive surface of the adjacent leaf is exposed to become a new outer surface of the stack; and
 - (b) a base leaf underlying the first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing second surface comprising a mounting adhesive applied thereon, the mounting adhesive being of sufficient strength to prevent lifting of the stack during removal of individual leaves.

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- 2. The surface covering of claim 1 comprising at least one intermediate leaf disposed between said first leaf and said last leaf, the intermediate leaf having an upper non-adhesive surface and a lower adhesive surface.
 - 5. The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said upper surface of said leaves is textured.
 - 7. The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said leaves are comprised of flexible material.
- 8. The surface covering of claim I wherein the upper surface of said leaves comprises an active agent chosen from the group consisting of anti-bacterial agents, disinfectants, insect repellants, fragrances, fluid resistant agents and anti-mildew agents.
- 9. The surface covering of claim 1 further comprising a protecting sheet disposed on the lower surface of the base leaf.
- 10. The surface covering of claim 1 further comprising peeling means for facilitating peeling of said leaves from an adjacent leaf.
- 11. The surface covering of claim 10 wherein said peeling means comprises at least one non-adhesive section disposed on the lower surface of said leaves covering no more than 30% of the entire surface area of the lower surface of said leaves, said at least one non-adhesive section being accessible by a user to peel said leaves from said stack.
- 12. The surface covering of claim 10 wherein said peeling means comprises a tab with a first and second surface integral to each of said leaves adapted to be accessed by a user to peel said leaves from said stack.
- 13. The surface covering of claim 12 wherein said second surface of said tab comprises an adhesive.

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- 14. The surface covering of claim 12 wherein said first surface of said tab comprises an adhesive.
- 15. The surface covering of claim 12 wherein said first and second surfaces of said tab comprise an adhesive.
- 17. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said stack of leaves is precut to correspond to dimensions of a specific surface to be covered for conformal application thereon to the surface, the surface comprising any one of a shelf, a wall, a table, a floor, a drawer, a crib, a countertop and a toilet seat.
- 18. (Three times amended) A multi-layer surface covering comprising:
 a plurality of leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves
 being sized to conformally cover an entire exposed surface, the stack of said leaves comprising:
 - (a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
 - an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
 - (ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
 - (iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to a substantial portion of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and
 - (b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower adhesive surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing lower surface comprising a mounting adhesive layer applied

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thereon, the mounting adhesive layer having greater adhesive strength than the adhesive strength of the leaf adhesive.

38. (Three times amended) A surface cover comprising:

two or more leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves being size to conformally cover an entire exposed surface, the stack of said leaves comprising:

- (a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
 - (i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
 - (ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
 - (iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and
- (b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower non-adhesive surface.
- 39. The surface covering of claim 38 comprising at least one intermediate leaf disposed between said first leaf and said last leaf, the intermediate leaf having an upper non-adhesive surface and a lower adhesive surface.